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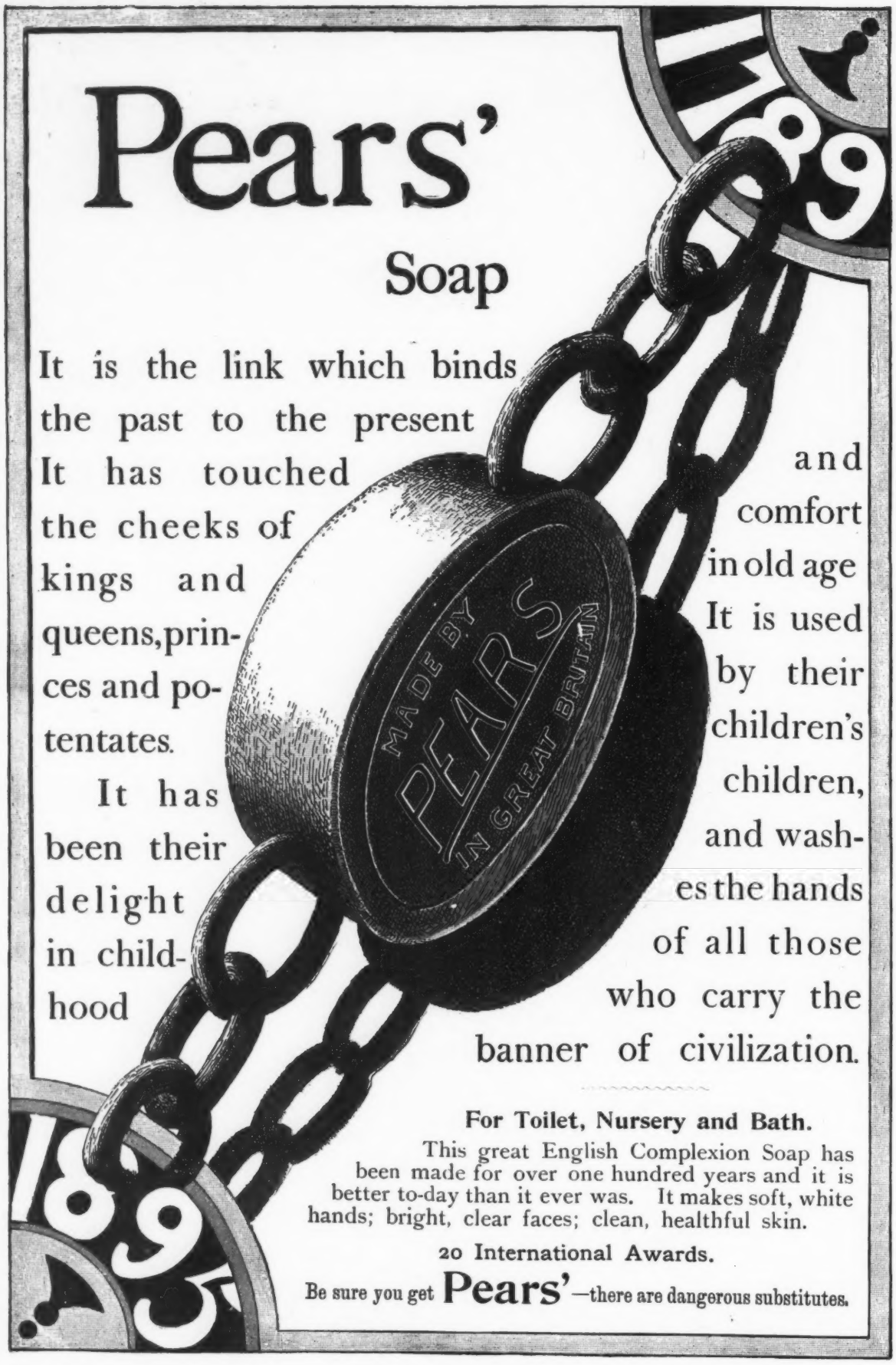

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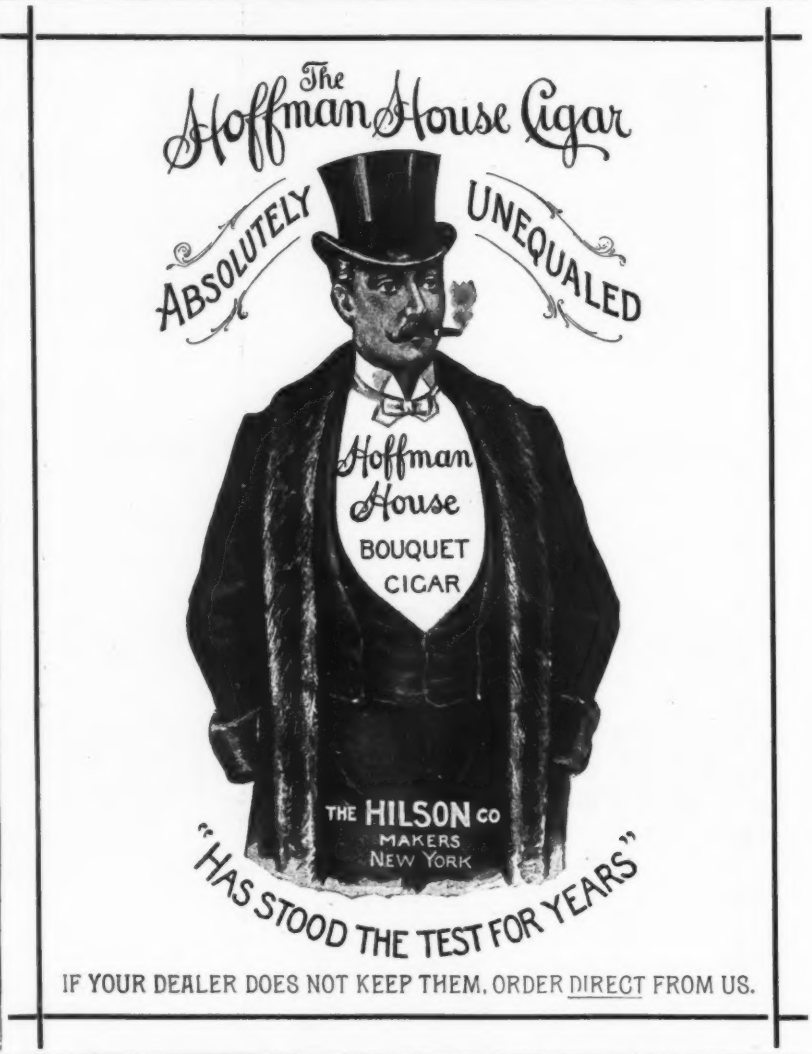

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THE JUDGE'S CHRISTMAS PHILOSOPHY.

Oh, parent, fill the flowing sock
Until it doth run over.

I.

He is the wisest man who kee, s the heart of a boy.
Let him labor and plan, but hold to his power for joy.
Let him smile at his pain and have in his heart no guile,
For the heart of a boy is gain and the lips were made to smile.

II.

What shall the long years give us that shall not pass away?
Wealth and honors shall leave us—they are ours for but a day.
Peril and care and trouble, they shall not always annoy;
We shall count the good things double if we have the heart of a boy.

III.

Hang up the stocking of faith and it shall be filled with cheer,
Though grief and its wraith attend us through every month of the year.
Take the world as it comes and give it as good as it brings.
Welcome the years with drums and the heart of a boy that sings.

IV.

The wrecks of life are a doll with the sawdust gone from her legs,
A Punch with his nose smashed in and a Judy off her pegs.
What of the hobbies we rode in the days that are far away?
The bugle-blast of a boy in the wantonness of play.

V.

Come, thou Hero, and fiddle while your Rome goes down in a blaze.
Draw your pleasantest pictures from the old-time happy days.
Sit in memory's ashes, in the wreck of your broken toys,
And laugh that you're living and loving, with the heart of one of the boys.

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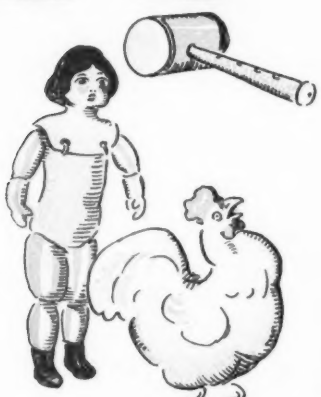

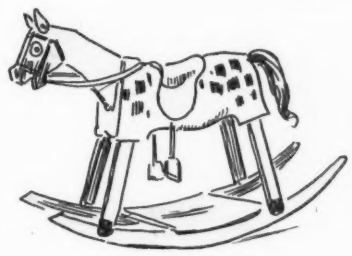

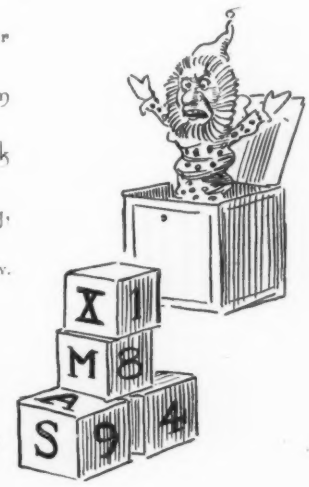

"I GOT 'IM FER ME CRISSMUS."

From a picture by A. B Phelan.

SANTA CLAUS UP TO DATE.

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BE MODERATE.

THOUGH Santa Claus is pleased
to fill your stocking
And put a happy smile upon
your face,
My greedy boy, the old man thinks
it shocking
If you hang up instead a pillow-
case.

IT WAS TOO BIG A LOAD.

Chappie decides to buy one of those heavy fur overcoats—— ——but subsequently alters his purpose.

A DECISION WITHOUT WORDS.

SHE—"You have seen papa and he has said no?"
HE—"My dear he said *nothing;* but I am led to believe you can never be mine."

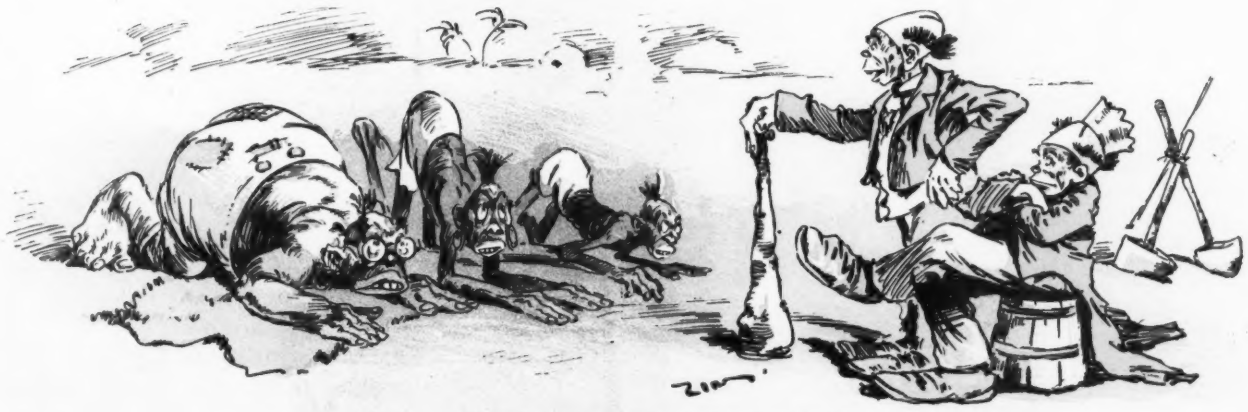
THE TEMPTATION AND FALL OF DEACON BROWN.

THE STAGE HEAD; OR, HOW MURPHY AND McCARTHY BECAME FIJI KINGS.

Murphy and McCarthy, the famous vaudeville artists, are shipwrecked upon the Fiji islands and condemned to the soup-kettle.

"Stroike," says Murphy.
"Stroike," says McCarthy.

"Now pull it out again," says Murphy.
"Same here," says McCarthy.



"Do yez feel betther, yez hathen?" says Murphy.
"We'll rule yez the besht we kin," says McCarthy.

A LARGE CONTRACT.

FATHER (*to daughter's suitor*)—"Can you support a family?"
SUITOR—"Yes, I think so."
FATHER—"Well, you must remember that there are ten of us."

SHE APPRECIATED THEM.

"WELL, if, as you say, you love Clarence why don't you release George, Harry, Fred and Eugene?"

"I know my business. It isn't going to be a cold day for the dear boys until after Christmas."

IN DAYS OF OLD.

IN Santa Claus you once believed—
'Twas foolish, you'll allow;
But while you know you were deceived,
Are you much wiser now?

BLUNT BUT HONEST.

Chicago girl—"And this little ring is for me?"

George—"Yes; does it come as a surprise?"

Chicago girl—"Well, rather. I expected a bigger stone."

1. MR. LISTMAN (*to Dennis O'Harrigan, who peddles ice for the ex-alderman in the warm weather*)—"Dennis, take this old gentleman one hundred and fifty feet from the polls and give him a Democratic paster for alderman."

USEFUL IN HIS BUSINESS.

"I BELIEVE in giving useful presents, don't you?"

"Yes; they are better than a lot of frippery. What did you give your husband?"

"A nice suit of bullet-proof clothes."

"Umpire?"

"No; spring poet."

AN ALTERED CASE.

Mrs. Brown—"Johnnie has been asking for a tin whistle and a drum."

Brown—"Well, he can't have them."

Mrs. Brown—"I forgot to tell you he was going to spend Christmas with mother."

Brown—"Run right out and buy them."

2. One hundred and fifty feet.

3. And he got the only paster Dennis was acquainted with.

THE SECRET BALLOT IN SYRACUSE.

A WOMAN-SUFFRAGIST MEETING
Puzzle—Find the listeners.

JUDGE'S CHRISTMAS N

After the Christmas dinner he dreams that all his stock c

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TMAS NIGHTMARE

his stock characters go on strike and refuse to work.

A TERRIBLE SPLIT.

THE JESTER AND HIS VICTIM.

NOT NECESSARY.

MISS CUMSO (*angrily*)—"I particularly told my dressmaker to have my new silk dress cut décolleté, and here she returns it with a full front, and it's almost time for the party."

MISS WADE—"I wouldn't get angry, my dear; there won't be any men there."

THEY NEVER THOUGHT OF IT.

A BEVY of pretty girls were talking of the Christmas gifts they would like to receive.

"Give me a gold watch," said one.

"Give me a silver bonbonnière," said another.

"Give me lots of gloves"

"Give me a toilet-box."

"Give me an album."

"Give me a piano," and so in succession.

"Give me a man," said the last; and the rest all snickered and changed their wishes at the same time.

DECLINED.

I THOUGHT Griselda smiled on me,
And oh, I felt love's piercing dart.
When Christmas came, most willingly
I gave the gentle maid my heart.

But, ah, how quickly did I pass
Into a state of gloom, alack!
What woe was mine, for, cruel lass!
She sent my Christmas present back.

NATHAN M. LEVY.

"FORTY-NINE CENTS."

Merritt—"Those were pretty rank cigars your wife gave you for Christmas."

Cobwigger—"I should say so. They made me sick before I tried them."

Merritt—"How was that?"

Cobwigger—"She forgot to rub the price off the bottom of the box."

BOUGHT THE BUSINESS.

"Are you the boy who swept the snow away yesterday?"
"No, mum. That was Billy Binks; but I've bought him out."

EASILY REMEDIED.

HE—"The great trouble is that if the women have suffrage they can't be induced to go and vote."
SHE—"Oh, yes, they can. All that is necessary is to have a bargain-counter at the polls."

NEVER GRATEFUL.

Flipper—"He was awfully angry that his wife presented him with a baby at Christmas."

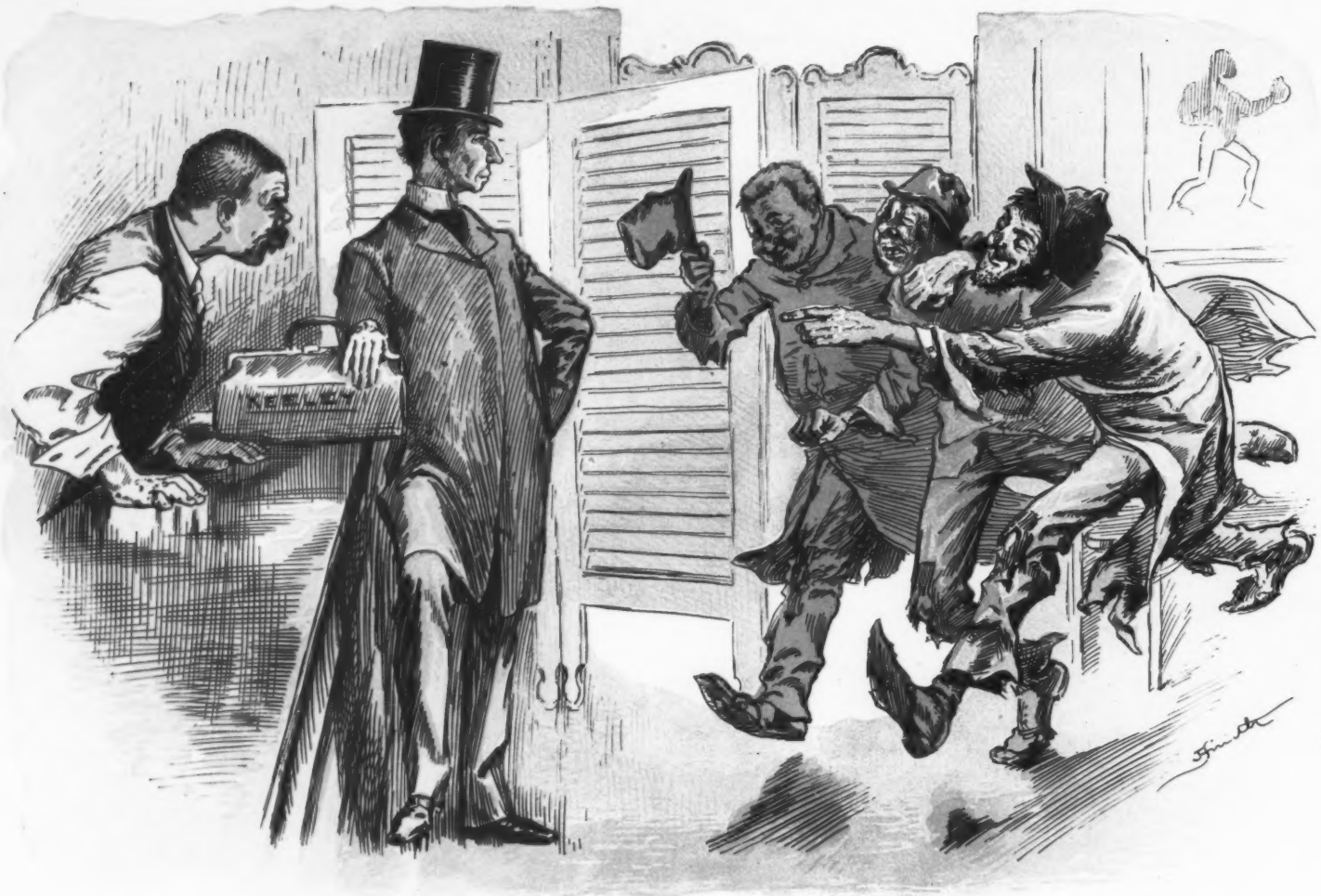
Flapper—"What did he expect—twins?"

HARBINGERS.

Cobwigger—"See any signs of Christmas down your way yet?"

Merritt—"A few. The boy who runs the elevator has begun to wear a clean collar and answer one politely."

WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK; OR, THE COUNTERFEITER AND THE HIGHWAYMAN.



TOO RICH FOR THEIR BLOOD.

BAR-TENDER—"Say, fellers; dis bloakey wants ter treat——

——some one fer de licker-habit!"

MR. SQUIGGS (*reads*)—"Dear sir—In answer to your advertisement for a typewriter in yesterday's paper I beg to apply for the position. I am twenty years old; have used the typewriter for two years; before then I was on the stage, etc. Yours respectfully, X. Y. Z."

Mr. Squiggs is highly elated and asks X. Y. Z. to call.

X. Y. Z. calls. ! ! * * — —

GLEANING AFTER HIM.

OH, MEMORY is a sombre maid
Who gleans in sunshine and in shade
The golden grains forgotten.

Come, maid Memory, be my gleaner;
Toss your locks from off your forehead;
Speed abroad and deftly gather
All the scattered grains of brightness
Love let fall along the highway.

Take the by-ways Love has traversed;
Glean me every glance and gesture,
Every tremulous tone of pleading,
Every note of joy triumphant,
For my hungry heart to feed on.

Come, Memory, reminiscent maid,
Glean me in sunshine and in shade
The grains Love left forgotten.

KATHRINE GROSJEAN.

A MEAN TRICK.

Mrs. Gayboy—"I think I'll give my husband a bottle of hair-restorer for Christmas."

Mrs. Quizz—"So you want him to look young again?"

Mrs. Gayboy—"It isn't that. I just want to keep him from going to see the skirt-dancers every night."

A THOUGHTLESS QUESTION.
HE—"And am I the first man you ever loved, darling?"
DARLING—"Gracious, George! you forget that you are in Chicago."

THE POET AT CHRISTMAS.

SHE spoke of Santa Claus, alack!
It made me feel upon the rack.
She'd like, she said, a sealskin sacque,
Or else a locket.
I felt the hot blood upward rush
(It was not so when I was flush).
What could I do but sit and blush,
With empty pocket?

Ah, could she know the poet's woes,
Who sings in verse but lives in prose,
She'd choose some cheaper things than those
To fill her stocking.
But, after all, I'll not complain;
Man cannot quite his fate ordain.
Come here, my dear old watch and chain;
We'll go a-hocking.

JAMES JAY O'CONNELL.

THE BEST PRESENT YET.

Mrs. Quailler—"What do you expect for Christmas?"

Mrs. Railler—"A Sioux City judge has promised my decree of divorce about that time."

INSULT TO INJURY.

Mrs. Brown—"It is on account of the hard times, Johnnie, that we have so little this Christmas."

Little Johnnie—"In that case, ma, you shouldn't have fooled a fellow by keeping the pantry locked up."

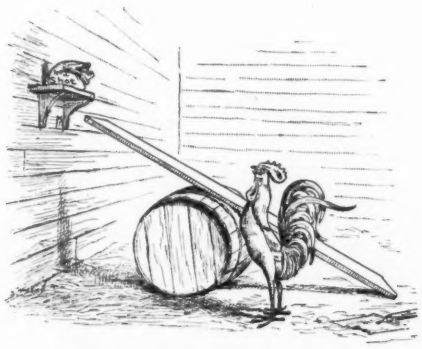
Sackett & Wilhelms Litho Co. N.Y.

THE PUSSYKINS GIVE A TOBOGGAN PARTY.

HIS REGRET WAS FOR ANOTHER CAUSE.

TENDERFOOT RECTOR (*who has arrived after the shooting*)—"Ah, my friend, I can see from your countenance that you already regret shooting that poor fellow. Is it not so?"

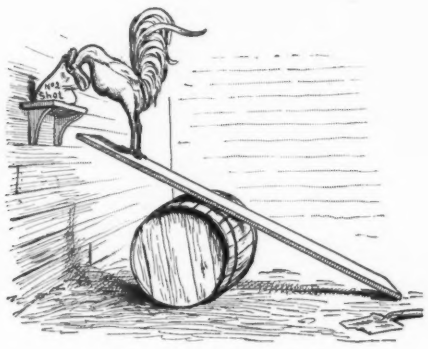
DEADSHOT PETE—"You are dead right, stranger. What'll the boys say when they hear I failed to kill my man at thirty feet?"



1. ROOSTER—"Ah, that looks like something to eat.——

SOCIAL AGONIES.

That pleasant moment when you find you have placed a five-dollar gold-piece in the contribution-plate under the impression that it was a cent.



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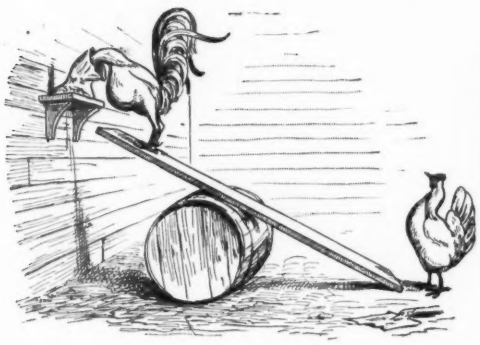
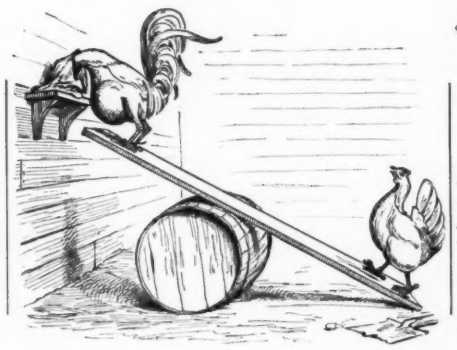
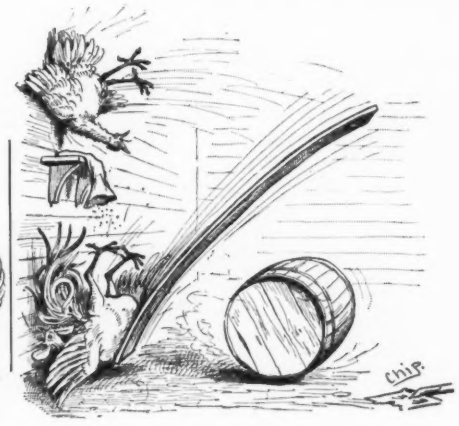


3. ——It's hard, but filling."



4. HEN—"I'm going to have some of that or I'll know why."



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THE ROOSTER AND THE SHOT.

LE COMMENCEMENT DE SIECLE ET LA FIN.

OUR greatly prized ancestors' wives,
In the good old days of yore,
Cared not, say those who write their lives,
What kind of gowns they wore.

Good women then thought love of show
A most unseemly passion,
And yet their current records show
A due regard for fashion.

The débutante to-day arrayed
For wheel in serge and leathers
Is hardly so grotesque a maid
As great-grandma in feathers.

Myself, I think those antique girls
With gores and wicked stays,
Tight-belted lungs and screwed-up curls,
Had very silly ways.

Then let us at the century's wane
Be not too prone to quote
Those women who were quite as vain
As we who pine to vote.

M. C. HUNGERFORD.

CHRISTMAS CONFABS.

THE best Christmas courtesy is the mistletoe-bough.

The forbidden fruit on the Christmas-tree tempts the small boy.

A woman will never remember that a little slipper goes a long way.

Santa Claus is about the only person who knows what the small boy wants.

The Christmas stocking doesn't come as smooth as the bathing-suit variety.

Santa Claus's favorite girl is the one that gets engaged just before Christmas.

A visit from Santa Claus, like one from a poor relation, is an expensive affair.

The Christmas-card is a cheap yet useful present so long as you buy the kind without the date on it.

Santa Claus is a gay deceiver and is never as kind to a girl after marriage as he was during courtship.

Though Christmas makes us boys again, the old maid shouldn't get under the mistletoe and imagine herself a girl.

The engaged girl thinks how happy her lover must feel at getting her such nice presents, but she little knows that he has only the first week paid on them.

PROBABLY CORRECT.

Wife—"I had a perfectly lovely dream last night."

Husband—"Indeed?"

Wife—"Yes. It seemed to me that when I went shopping after Christmas goods there was no one in the store but the clerks, and oh, I had a splendid time! What do you think of it?"

Husband—"Oh, I think it was a dream."

A BLESSING.

TOM—"I'd give a good deal if I had such a sister as yours."
JACK—"You'd have to. Did you see her kiss me just now?"
TOM—"I did."
JACK—"Well, it cost me a V."

CHRISTMAS MORNING—A SLIGHT MISTAKE.
WAITS (*singing lustily*)—"Christians, awake!" etc.

HIS LIST.

A FREAKISH sophomore made up his mind to make Christmas gifts to members of the faculty and proceeded as follows:

To the professor of philosophy he sent a box of cigars. Smoking them would test his philosophy.

To the professor of architecture he sent an illuminated copy of "The House That Jack Built."

To the professor of applied mathematics a looking-glass, that he might survey himself.

To the professor of chemistry a plum-pudding for dissection and analysis.

To the professor of physiology a pair of Kehoe clubs.

To the professor of the dead languages an original essay on "A Woman's Tongue," to show him something very much alive.

To the professor of the modern languages a gilded door-nail, as representing something pretty well dead.

To the professor of pure mathematics a dozen reams of paper to write equations upon.

To the professor of English literature a copy of the latest work on short-hand, with the advice to study the same.

To the professor of natural history a collection of mosquitoes, wasps and stinging-bees, just to prick his conscience, if nothing else.

N. M. L.

IT IS a good plan to act at Christmas-tide as if you never expected to see another.

MAKING AN OPPORTUNITY PROFITABLE.

KINCHIN KELLY (*who has sized up the novel's title*)—"Ah, me boy, you've got a manly look. Would yer do a favor fer Litenin' Luke, ther prince o' detectives?"

TIM (*the messenger-boy, joyously*)—"Wouldn't I, though?"

KINCHIN KELLY—"'Sh! that's me. I fergot ter put change in me disguise, so if yer'll lend me er quarter I'll leave five dollars round ter th' office fer yer ter-morrer."

JUDGMENTS.

PEACE on earth—or else get off it.

Love is the fundamental principle of the teachings of Christ.

Many a Christmas turkey is stuffed with good resolutions.

Good-will is a quality that you can cultivate in yourself as well as in others.

Don't mind because you broke your promises to yourself last year; make some more.

Now is the time to settle your differences with your neighbor, you to make the first advance.

Many people expect, with some reason, to offset a few of the self-indulgences of the year by a little extra liberality at Christmas. MADELINE ORVIS.

OUT OF DANGER.

Rev. Dr. Primrose (visiting poor-house)—"This is a dreadful place for an able-bodied man like you to be spending Christmas."

Weary Wraggles—"'Tain't ez bad ez hustlin' on de road. I'd be dead in a week ef I hed to live on de mince-pie what's floatin' 'round dis time o' year."

ANOTHER MYTH EXPLODED.

Maiden lady—"I have always heard that any one who sat under the mistletoe would be kissed."

Niece—"Don't you believe it, auntie?"

Maiden lady—"No; I have sat under it all the evening and I ain't had a smack yet."

A MODEL FLOCK.

PARSON JACKSON—"Dar am a certain pusson in dis congregashun who hab ben 'cused ob stealin' chickens. I would like t' ask dat same pusson, right hyah, guilty er not guilty?"

CHORUS (*from every man in the church*)—"Not guilty!"

THE FRIGHT OF THE PUSSYKINS.
Just at the climax of a horrible ghost-story that bad little Tommie came in with a bugaboo

A MARTYR NECESSARY.

MRS. BLADES (*hostess*)—"What seems to2 be de consternashun mong de gennlemen, Mistah Cooper?"

MR. COOPER—"Miss Scrawns took excepshun foh bein' ovahlooked in de Copenhagen game, an' am m'nopolisin' de missletoe fo' vindicashun."

CORNERED.

"Help, pop! Old Crissmus dinner 's a-gobb'in' me!"

HIS CHOICE.

AUNTIE—"Do you want a false face, Willie?"
WILLIE—"Oh, yes, auntie; buy me the one with the big nose and the derby hat."

THE PROBLEM SOLVED.

PARSON JOHNSON (*icily*)— "Bredren and sistern! Comin' into chu'ch jes' now, I picked up dis razzer in de vestibule. Who am de misabul sinnah amongst us dat would desecrate hisself by bringin' a razzer to chu'ch?——

——I pause fer a reply." (*To himself*)—"Blame ef I didn' clean fergot dar was a hole in dat pocket. Dat mus' be mah own razzer.'

EARLY TRAINING.

MRS. ROSENSTEIN (*rocking her baby to sleep*)—"Buy-low, baby; buy-low, baby"——

MR. ROSENSTEIN—"Dot's righd, Repecca; teach him to buy low unt to sell as high as he can, mine tear."

At the conclusion of the repast the manager arose and addressed the company. He spoke of the success of the production, both from an artistic and a financial standpoint, referred to the pleasant relations existing among the members, and calling attention to the great holiday of the year said that it was also an occasion to be remembered on account of the fact that the Little Eva of the company had on that very night, some years before, essayed the part for the first time. Drawing from his pocket a handsome case he presented it to the lady and hoped she would accept it as a recognition of the esteem in which she was held by her brother and sister actors.

It was of course a surprise to Little Eva. She was inexpressibly touched by this evidence of their interest in her, and she wished them many and many a merry Christmas and success and happiness. After a little more speech-making the company broke up. Little Eva returned to her hotel blithe and gay. Arriving at her room she drew forth the precious box and opened it. What joy and rapture filled her mind it is needless to state. Any woman who had played Little Eva for fifty years would be overcome by the present of a new set of false teeth.

GEORGE S. CRITTENDEN.

PRINCETON'S COLORS.
Orange and black.

LITTLE EVA'S CHRISTMAS.

IT WAS indeed a happy occasion. For once the jealousies of the company had been forgotten in the general desire to commemorate a red-letter day in the life of one of their number. The Mighty Dollar dramatic company had been playing to good business ever since the season opened, and salaries had been paid in full. It was Christmas eve, after the show, and the manager had invited the players to a little supper on the stage of the theatre. There they congregated—the heavy villain, the low comedian, the leading man, the walking lady, the soubrette, and Little Eva. The donkey rested peacefully in his stall under the stage, and the bloodhounds, very necessary accessories to the correct production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," wagged their tails in acknowledgment of an extra meal.

NEW MANAGER (*Deadgulch theatre*)—"Gentlemen, the landlord of the Put-up house is restraining to-night's theatrical troupe because of a slight board-bill, and so the great drama of 'Slade the Cutthroat' cannot be given as advertised."
CHORUS—"Can't, eh?"

BARONESS MUNCHAUSEN.

Mamma—"What made you so late from school, dear?"

Maudie (aged six)—"Why, mamma, Toysell's window, chuck full of Christmas things, is built out clear across the sidewalk. I couldn't get past."

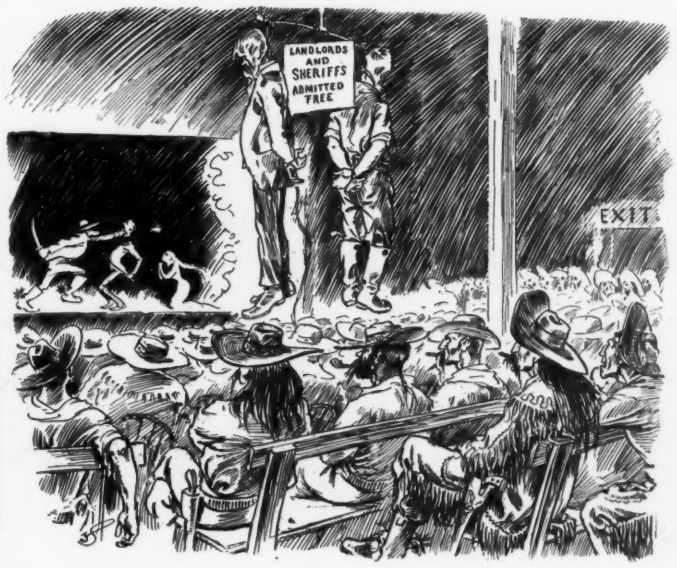
STRATEGY.

Jobson—"Bill Ricketts took his new girl out sleighing on Christmas eve."

Hixon—"What! that one-armed feller? How in the world did he manage it?"

Jobson—"She drove."

MANAGER—"Well, well! they took it cool; didn't even want their money back."



(*But ten minutes later the performance took place.*)

NOT TO BE DISAPPOINTED.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS.

The little German band played for an hour before they discovered their mistake.

A DIALOGUE IN OLE VIRGINNY.

POMPEY HOPKINS and Pete Jackson met on the snowy, muddy, badly-cut-up Virginia road. It was two days before Christmas. Both darkeys were patched and mended wherever the rags were susceptible of that process. Pompey carried a bunch of fire-crackers in one hand and a piece of salt pork in the other.

"Good-mawnin', Mistah Jackson," he said with unctuous politeness. "Which way yo' gwine?"

"I'm inchin' 'long home," said Pete with equal suavity. "Dem fiah-crackahs yo' got dah?"

"Dat's whad dey is," replied Pompey. "Ain' *yo'* got none?"

"Nuh," said Pete pompously. "We doan' use none at Krismus no mo' 'cuz mah wife doan' like 'em. She say dey 'splodes wid toe much infatidity fur de kinstriction ob her years."

If Pompey didn't understand exactly he was too proud to expose his curiosity.

"Dat so?" he said dryly.

Pete saw he had made an impression.

"Ya-as," he said; "Missis Jackson she doan' like 'em fur nothin'. She say dey's toe incombodjus fur *her*. Wa-al, good-mawnin', Mistah Hopkins; I'll be gittin' 'long home."

The men parted and went on their opposite ways. I was near, and Pompey knew I had heard the conversation.

"Dat Pete Jackson," he said to me in a tone of withering contempt, "he ain't got no genwine eddicashun. 'Cuz he bin tendin' de stove in de skule-house dis wintah he t'ink he know sumpin'; but he *doan'*. He jes' tryin' to 'pose on mah collodious, dat's all *he* doin'."

He turned and looked scornfully at the retreating figure of Pete.

"Humph!" he said, and walked off down the road.

LOUISE MORGAN SILL.

THE NEXT BEST THING.

CHIEF ENGINEER (*examining applicant*)—"Now if you were running on a high trestle in a fog and should suddenly see an open draw-bridge just ahead, what would you do?"
APPLICANT (*religiously*)—"Oi'd cross mesilf."

PAT TO THE RESCUE.

PAT—"Don't move fer yure loife, Moike! Howly saints, what a shnake!——

——Aisy, now, till Oi——

——nail 'im!"

A PRECAUTION.

WHEN you give presents recollect—
It may to your advantage prove—
Before you send them don't neglect
The tell-tale price-marks to remove.

ANTHONY, BEWARE.

Jimson—"I know a man who ought to be arrested for having in his house a large collection of obscene literature."

Slimson—"Who is he?"

Jimson—"Anthony Comstock."

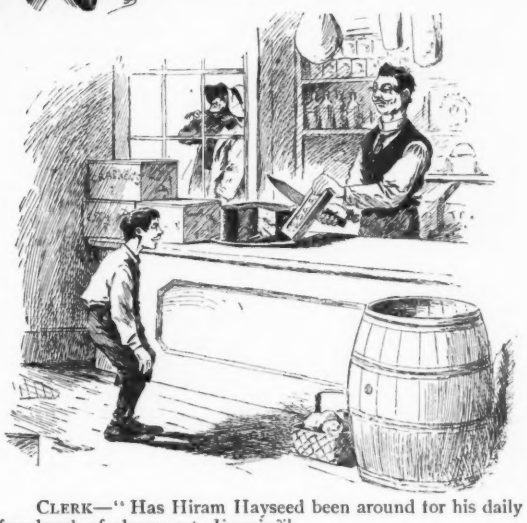
UNFAIR.

THE women now are so preferred
It is becoming quite absurd.
Of Christmas Eve so much is heard—
Of Christmas Adam not a word.

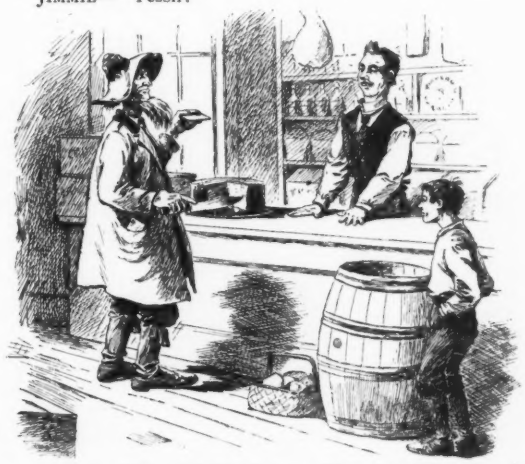
CONFIRMED.

Merritt—"When I called at your house to-day your wife was busy ripping up one of her crazy-quilts."

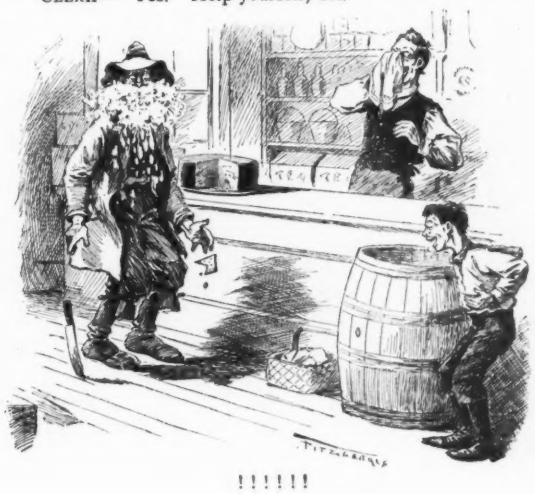
Cobwigger—"I had my suspicions that she intended making me some neckties for Christmas."



CLERK—"Has Hiram Hayseed been around for his daily free lunch of cheese yet, Jimmie?"
JIMMIE—"No, sir."
CLERK—"Well, he'll be along soon. Get me a bar of soap."
JIMMIE—"Yessir."



HIRAM—"Mornin', Mr. Salter. Thought I'd jest drap in on ye on my way from the post-office. Looks like a nice cheese."
CLERK—"Yes. Help yourself, Hi."



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GOOD INTENTIONS NOT ALWAYS BENEFICIAL.

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A "THEO"-LOGICAL DEDUCTION.

ELDER FOWLER (*sternly*)—"I beliebes, brudder, dat de reason dat yo' resigns an axcepts yo' new call am fo' mo' money, sah—money, which am de root ob all ebil!"

PARSON KEENS—"Yo' am right in one respec', eldah—money *am* de root ob all ebil. Whar dey am de mos' root dey am de mos' ebil. Whar dey am de mos' ebil dey hab de mos' need ob a pastor. Derefo', eldah, *dat* am de reason I axcepts de call."

A SIGN.

Collector—"I guess the Jones family are going to move."

Landlord—"Did they tell you so?"

Collector—"No; but they gave the man who lives upstairs a flute for Christmas."

4.

CHRISTMAS FEELING.

Mrs. Quigley—"Did you enjoy the Christmas service?"

Mrs. Twillers—"Ever so much. Mrs. Hotspur wore her last year's bonnet; and what do you think? Daisy van Tassel had on that flimsy sack she bought early last fall."

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HE GOT IT.

Tramp (at farm-kitchen door)—"Do you happen to have a little peppermint in the house, ma'am?"

Farmer's wife—"I'm afraid not, my poor man."

Tramp—"A little whisky would do, ma'am. The lady on the farm below you, who handed out the Christmas dinner, has committed the vulgar error of putting too much vinegar in the salad-dressing."

PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

Clara—"Do you enjoy your exercises at the gymnasium?"

Ethel—"Not particularly; but I think it is the duty of every woman to cultivate muscle—especially at this time of year."

Clara—"Why at this time any more than any other?"

Ethel—"Why, my dear girl, just consider the Christmas bargains at the stores!"

ABSENT-MINDED INVENTOR—"Now these pulleys and cog-wheels working in opposite directions," etc., etc., etc. (*Proceeds to lay out plans of it on his friend's shirt-bosom.*) "Now tell me, what d'ye think of it?"

THE FRIEND—"Well, I think——

——it's a blamed bad scheme, and I guess you'd better draw a few more cog-wheels on there so I might at least have a polka-dot pattern."

A Prompt Reply

SHE whispered yes without demur.
Oh, dismal word was that to me!
I asked her if she would prefer
The orchestra to balcony.

SHE GAVE IT AWAY.

"I SUPPOSE you will have a goose for Christmas dinner," said the butcher.

"Yes," replied the blushing young girl, who was doing the marketing because her mother was so busy she actually couldn't. "Mr. Sissy is coming down to the house—that is—er—er—mamma says one about the usual size, Mr. Cleaver."

NO OCCASION FOR SELF-DENIAL.

Mr. Brotherton (giving Uncle Pete his Christmas dinner)—"Now, Uncle Pete, you better not eat any of that mince pie. It's got brandy in it, and you know you're a teetotaler."

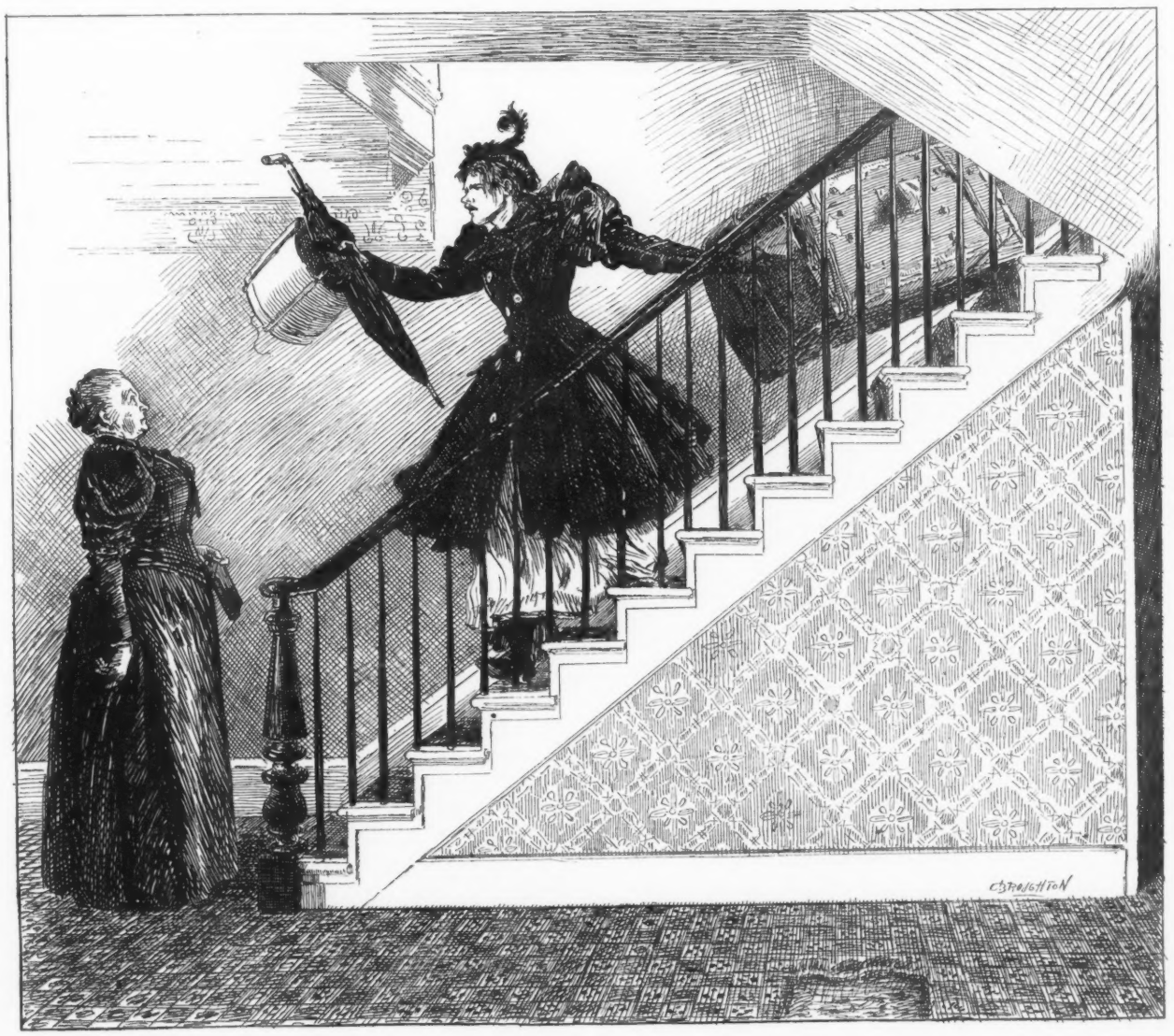
Uncle Pete—"Yes, sah; I know, sah. But I'se got de 'spepsy so bad dat I 's boun' t' 'pent befo' mawnin' ennyhow, so I mout as well hab some."

HER OWN BLAME.

Cora—"You haven't given me a Christmas present yet."
Merritt—"Then why don't you stand under the mistletoe?"

CHRISTMAS AT THE RESTAURANT.

Guest—"I wish you'd take this fowl out and ask him if he isn't sorry he crowed when Cleveland was elected."



A WOMAN SCORNED.

BRIDGET—"It's lavin' yez Oi am from this hour. Yer son 's afther insooltin' me."
MRS. ELDERLY—"What! not Charlie?"
BRIDGET—"Yis, Char-r-lie! He med me poocker up me mout' fer a kiss, an'—an'"--
MRS. ELDERLY—"And what?"
BRIDGET—"Thin said April fool."

A CHRISTMAS EPISODE.

GUEST (*alarmed at new arrivals, to host*)—"Ef dey keeps on like dese two, hadn' 'yo bettah yank down de miz'letoe an' call de game off?"

UNACCOUNTABLE.

Critical friend—"Seems to me your Christmas story is lacking in warmth."

Pennaway—"Ought not to be. I wrote it when the thermometer was in the nineties."

IT IS A QUESTION.

AN INQUISITIVE youngster whose mother had said
That Santa Claus gave away trinket and toy
To only good children sat straight up in bed:
"Say, mamma, was Santa Claus ever a boy?"

CHRISTMAS EVE.

JIMMIE—"I guess that'll fetch him, Bobbie."

A POPULAR FALLACY.

OF ALL the maxims,
Wise saws and axioms,
There's one that makes me grieve;
For the Christmas present
Is not more pleasant
To give than to receive.

SUCCEEDED.

Brown (filling the stockings)—"Hopping hornets, woman! my foot is caught in the rat-trap. This is a nice place to set such a thing."

Mrs. Brown—"I forgot to tell you, my dear, that Johnnie said he was going to catch Santa Claus."

ISAACSTEIN (*showing off his son's abilities*)—"Tell your grandfader und grandmudder der sum you vas doin' on your slate, Jakey."

JAKEY—"'Dis is de queschun: Subbose you hed a hundert dousand dollars led oud at ten per cend. inderesd——

VIVID REMINDERS.

Ted—"That yule-log no doubt recalls many memories."

Ned—"It should. I started it with a package of old love-letters."

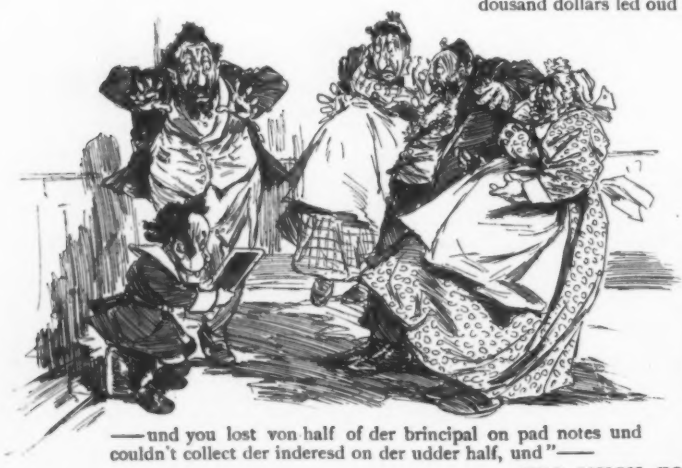
PREPARATION.

ALL Christmas week van Pelt, we see,
Is keeping up an awful spree,
Because he's made a vow, they say,
That he'll swear off on New-year's day.

THE LAST COURSE.

Mamma—"Why don't you eat your plum-pudding, Richie?"

Richie (grown critical with repletion)—"There's too much cologne in the sauce."



——und you lost von half of der brincipal on pad notes und couldn't collect der inderesd on der udder half, und"——

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TOO MUCH FOR THE ISAACSTEINS.

THE NEW CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON.

ANXIOUS INTERVIEWER—"And you say that some of the senators come here every day? I'll go in and see.——

——Ah, there is Senator Hill. I'll question him about the tariff. Oh, what a scoop!"

"Yes, sir; the tariff—mumbledemum, mum, mum * * * * * ! !, etc., etc.——

——Yes, sir-ee! Butterine—mumbledemum, mum, mum * * * * * ! !, etc, etc.——

——And look at our cotton industry—mumbledemum, mum, etc., etc., etc.——

——But here come some guests, so you'll excuse me. I'm the waiter."

A CLINCHER.

Little Johnnie—"When did Santa Claus begin going around at Christmas?"

Brown—"A couple of thousand years ago."

Little Johnnie—"Why, pa, they didn't have stockings in those days."

NOT CONVENTIONAL.

OLD Jerry Simpson does not care
What song the angels sang.
He hangs not up his stockings, for
He has no socks to hang.

A TOUCHING AU REVOIR.

Goose—"Well, I s'pose this is my last day."

Turkey—"Mine too. Good-bye."

Goose—"Good-bye Meet you at the raffle."

PUZZLED.

JEFF—"(Hic) dat's a snow-man—I 's not so drunk not t' kno' dat; but whad puzzles dis yere coon is why he doan' raise his umbrella."

MAN, CHEERFUL MAN.

Materfamilias—"Remember, Thomas, that Christmas comes but once a year."

Paterfamilias (growling in anticipation of bills)—"Yes; and that's twice too often."

THE GIRL WHO CROCHETS.

HER Christmas present, I may state,
Is wristlets when she's smitten;
But when her love has turned to hate
She substitutes the mitten.

VENGEANCE.

Bobby—"I'm glad I'm going to have a whack at that turkey."

Papa—"Why, Bobby?"

Bobby—"It sassed me last spring."

THE WRONG KIND.

WHISKY-DEALER—"Say, young feller, I want yer ter paint me a sign ter go over th' door o' me store. Make it a hogshead wid me name on de side. See?"

WHISKY-DEALER—"Git out o' this, quick! Do yer take me fer a carver in a meat-market?"

THE BEWITCHED YULE-LOG—A TALE OF TWO PURITAN TRAMPS.

UNFAILING SIGNS.

MARY ANN—"Sure, Miss Ethel, Mr. Shallowpate has jist come; an' it's me opinion thot if he don't propose to-noight he nivir will."
ETHEL—"Your opinion is entirely uncalled for, Mary Ann."
MARY ANN—"Yis, missis; but Oi t'ought Oi'd tell yez, fer he looks loike a sick pickpocket, an' wid a shmoile ahn 'im loike a Fenian ahn the schaffold."

AN ARGUMENT.

"ENOUGH! This is the same mistletoe you caught me under before when you kissed me."

"I know; but this is a different kiss"—and he took it.

EVER BROUGHT TO MIND.

Mrs. Winthrop—"What did your husband mean by saying that he would be thinking of Christmas all the coming year?"

Mrs. Penfield—"He bought the presents on the installment plan."

EASILY EXPLAINED.

Kidkins—"I see by the paper a woman found in her Christmas stocking a pearl-ornamented mandolin, an alarm-clock, a five-pound box of mixed candies, a dictionary, a quart bottle of cologne, and some other things."

Judkins—"Pooh! I don't believe it. How could that be possible?"

Kidkins—"Why, she is the fattest woman in the world, so a dime-museum manager says."

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The bully of the wild west at home——

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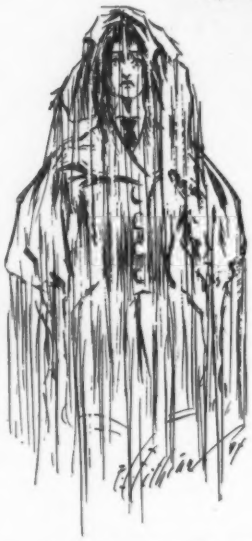
TOO GALLANT.

"There goes that pretty little Miss Jones. Let's offer her the shelter of our umbrellas."

Miss Jones enjoys the shelter——



——and finds when she gets home that she has had too much of a good thing.

THE FABLE OF THE ENGLISH SPARROWS.

SHE was lounging in her own dainty boudoir. The dancing fire in the grate beat back the early evening gloom which was trying to hide the tasteful appointments of the room and made her surroundings as warm and cheery as possible. She herself, in her soft dressing-gown, sitting in her low wicker chair, her hair in a delicious disorder, her feet in little slippers without any backs to the heels, made a delightful picture.

She yawned a little; then, arising from her pillowed seat, she walked to the window. The wind was hurling clouds of snow against the pane, and as she stood there the chill from the glass was in pleasant contrast to the warmth of the room.

Through the dusk she noted how the wind swept the snow along a slanting roof across the way until the tiles seemed all to have a furzy growth of white hair, and as she watched she at last noticed a pair of shivering sparrows huddled under the eaves.

"Poor, poor little birds!" sighed the girl; "thinking of the warm breezes of the south while you shiver there. Oh, if I could only do something for you!"

A crackling voice from the direction of the grate answered her whispered soliloquy. "Would you really like to know what they are talking about?" it asked.

She was too much surprised even to be frightened, and simply looked at the birds and listened intently.

"Cheep, cheep!" said one bird as it rubbed up against the other. "Does yer wish yer wuz in Florida now, eh, old un?" And it seemed to chuckle.

"I knew," murmured the girl.

"In Florida? Me? After killin' two h'American birds in dis mornin's fights an' bein' booked fer two fights ter-morrer? Florida! Say, 'Arry, that's good."

In her amazement the girl could not speak, but there was a shower of sparks from the grate and somebody said, "People aren't always as miserable as they look; and, anyhow, there's little use in giving pity to people whom it cannot benefit. But how about that young man who is coming to-night?"——

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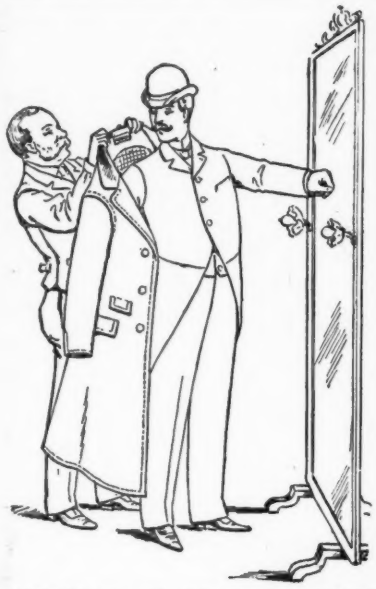

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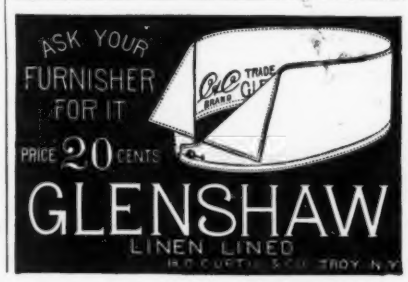

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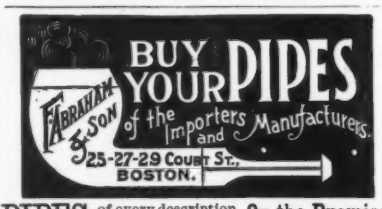

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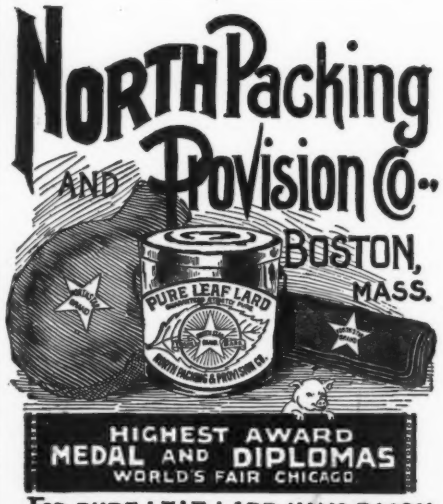

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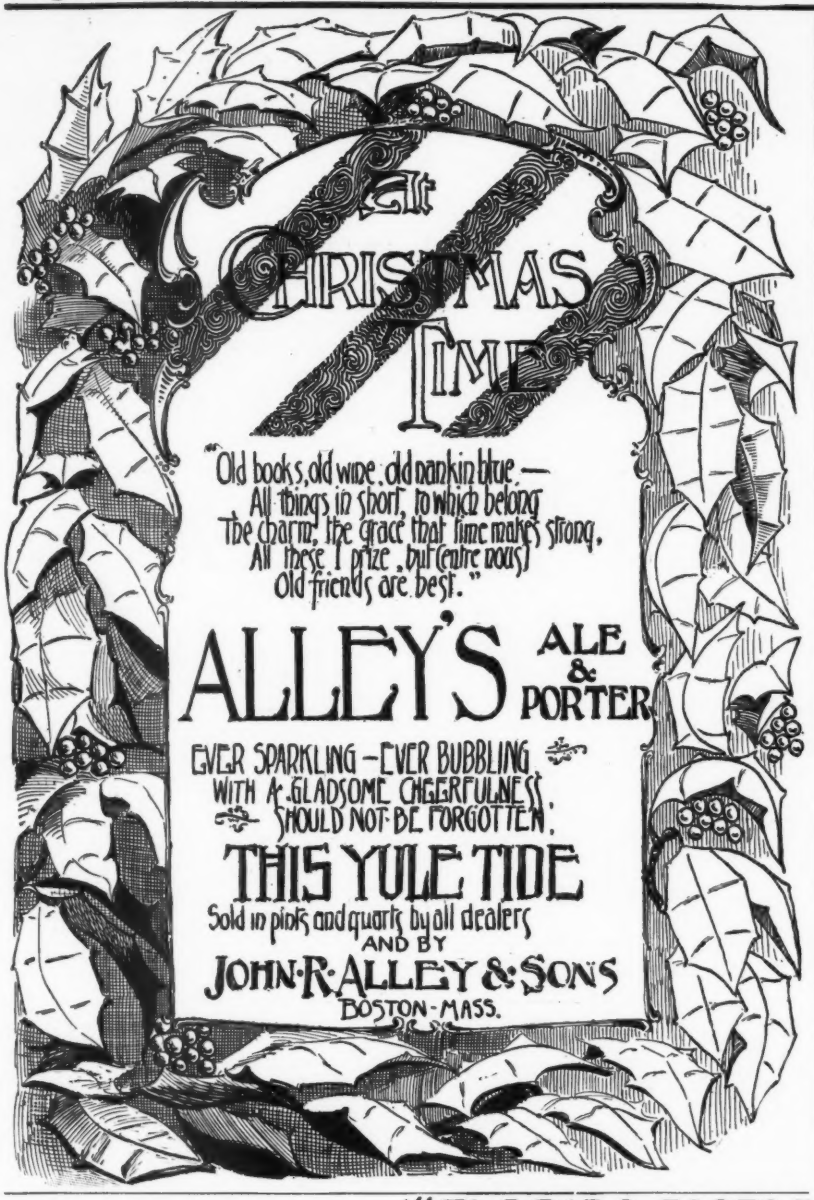

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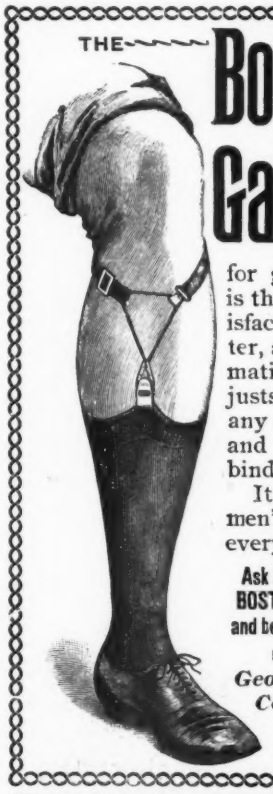

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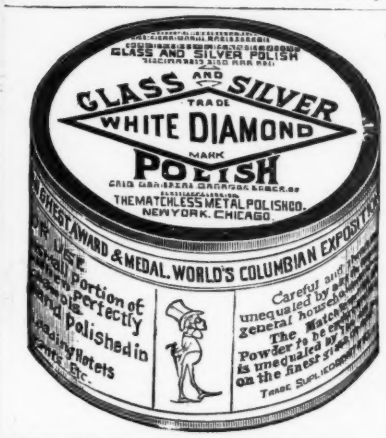

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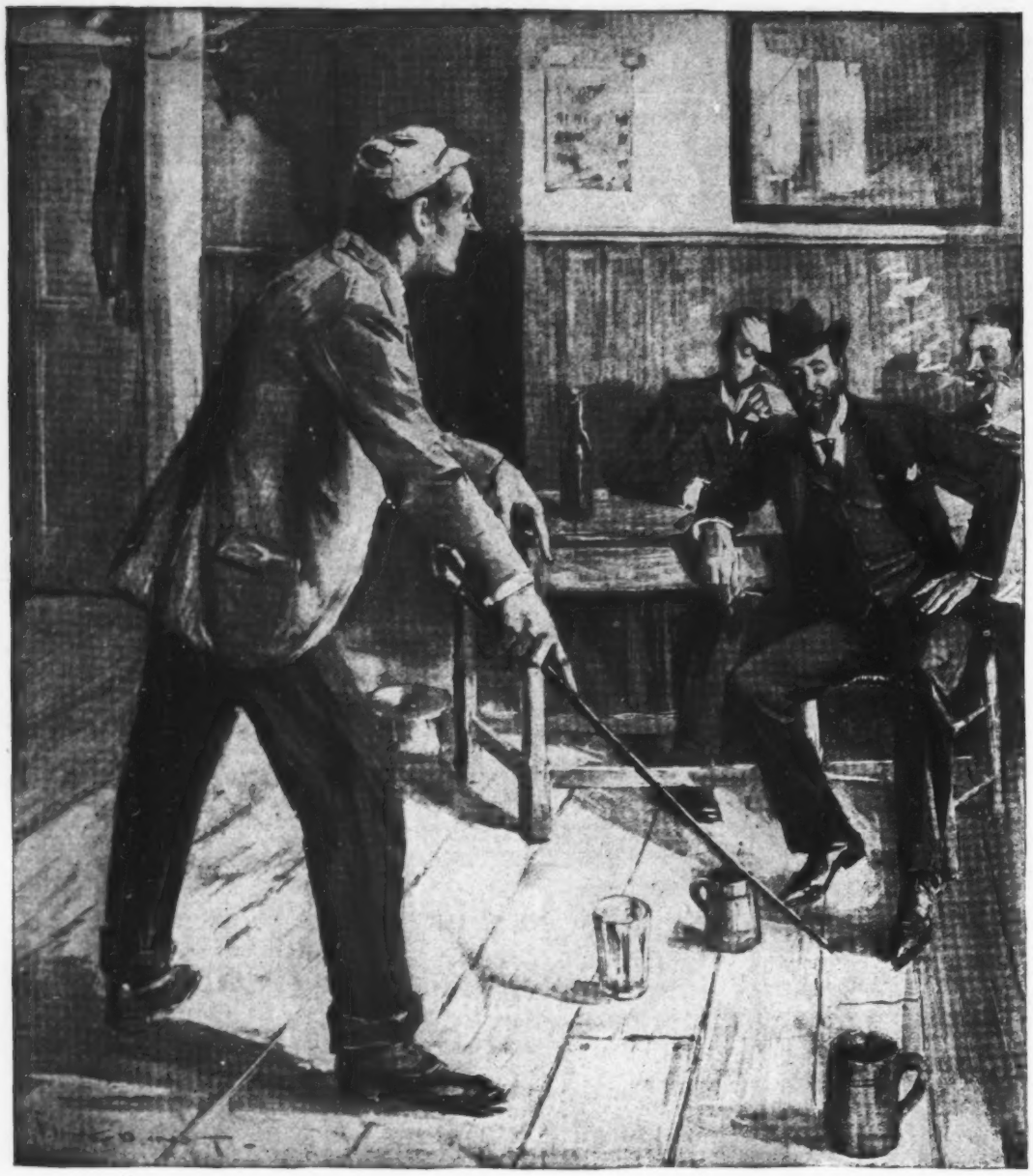

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As written by J. Stark Munro to his friend and former fellow-student, Herbert Swanborough, of Lowell, Massachusetts, during the years 1881-84.

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FOREWORD.

THE letters of my late friend, Dr. Stark Munro, appear to me to form so connected a whole, and to give so plain an account of some of the troubles which a young man may be called upon to face at the outset of his career, that I have handed them over to the gentleman who is about to edit them. There are two of them, the fifth and the ninth, from which some excisions are necessary, but, in the main, I hope that they may be reproduced as they stand, for I know that nothing could be more abhorrent to my friend's nature than that there should be any suppression of those opinions which he had deliberately formed. As to the propriety of the publication, I can only say that, after careful consideration, I have fully satisfied myself upon that head, for I am sure that there is no privilege which he would have valued more highly than the thought that some other young man, harassed by pecuniary troubles and by spiritual doubts, should gain strength by reading how a brother had passed down the valley of the shadow before him.

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I.

I MISS you most dreadfully, my dear old Bertie, for you are the only man upon this whole earth to whom I have ever been able to unreservedly open my whole mind. I don't know why it is, for, now that I come to think of it, I have never enjoyed very much of your confidence in return. But that may be my fault. Perhaps you don't find me sympathetic, even though I have every wish to be. I can only say that I find you intensely so, and perhaps I presume too much upon the fact. But no, every instinct in my nature tells me that I don't bore you by my confidences.

Can you remember Cullingworth at the university? You never were much in the athletic set, and so it is possible that you don't. Any way, I'll take it for granted that you don't, and explain it all *ab initio*. I'm sure that you would know his photograph, however, for the reason that he was the ugliest and queerest-looking man of our year.

Physically, he was a fine athlete—one of the fastest and most determined Rugby forwards that I have ever known, though he played so savage a game that he was never given his international cap. He was well-grown, five foot nine, perhaps, with square shoulders, an arching chest, and a quick, jerky way of walking. He had a square, strong head, bristling with short, wiry, black hair. His face was wonderfully ugly, but it was the ugliness of character, which is as attractive as beauty. His jaw and eyebrows were craggy and rough-hewn, his nose aggressive and red-shot, his eyes small and near-set, light blue in color, and capable of assuming a very genial and also an exceedingly vindictive expression. A slight wiry mustache covered his upper lip, and his teeth were yellow, strong, and overlapping, like those of an animal. Add to this that he seldom wore collar or necktie, that his throat was the color and texture of the bark of a Scotch fir, and that he had a voice, and especially a laugh, like a bull's bellow: then you have some idea (if you can piece all these items together in your mind) of the outward James Cullingworth.

But the inner man, after all, was what was most worth noting. I don't quite know what genius is. Carlyle's definition always seemed to me to be a very crisp and clear statement of what it is not. Far from its being an infinite capacity for taking pains, its leading characteristic, as far as I have ever been able to observe it, has been that it allows the possessor of it to attain results by a sort of instinct which other men could only reach by hard work. In this sense Cullingworth was the greatest genius that I have ever known. He never seemed to work, and yet he took the anatomy prize over the heads of all the ten-hour-a-day men. That might not count for much, for he was quite capable of idling ostentatiously all day and then reading desperately all night, but start a subject of your own for him, and then see his originality and strength. Talk about torpedoes, and he would catch up a pencil, and on the back of an old envelope from his pocket he would sketch out some novel contrivance for piercing a ship's netting and getting at her side, which might no doubt involve some technical impossibility, but which would at least be quite plausible and new. Then, as he drew, his bristling eyebrows would contract, his small eyes would gleam with excitement, his lips would be pressed together, and he would end by banging on the paper with his open hand and shouting in his exultation. You would think that his one mission in life was to invent torpedoes. But next instant, if you were to express surprise as to how it was that the Egyptian workmen elevated the stones to the top of the pyramids, out would come the pencil and envelope, and he would propound a scheme for doing that with equal energy and conviction. This ingenuity was joined to an extremely sanguine nature. After one of these flights of invention he would take out patents for it, receive you as his partner in the enterprise, have it adopted in every civilized country, see all conceivable applications of it, count up his probable royalties, sketch out the novel methods in which he would invest his gains, and finally retire with the most gigantic fortune that has ever been amassed, as he paced up and down in his jerky, quick-stepping fashion. And you would be swept along by his words, and would be carried every foot of the way with him, so that it would come as quite a shock to you when you suddenly fell back to earth again, and found yourself trudging the city street, a poor student with Foster's "Physiology" under your arm, and hardly the price of your luncheon in your pocket.

I read over what I have written, but I can see that I give you no real insight into the demoniac cleverness of Cullingworth. His views upon medicine were most revolutionary, but I dare say I shall have a good deal to say about them in the sequel. With his brilliant and unusual gifts, his fine athletic record, his strange way of dressing (his hat on the back of his head and his throat bare), his thundering voice, and his ugly, powerful face, he had quite the most marked individuality of any man that I have ever known.

Now you will think me very prolix about this man, but as it looks as if his life might become entwined with mine, it is a subject of immediate interest to me, and I am writing all this for the purpose of reviving my own recollections as well as in the hope of amusing and interesting you. So I must just give you one or two other impressions which may make his character more clear to you.

He had a dash of the heroic in him. On one occasion he was placed in such a position that he must choose between compromising a lady or springing out of a third-story window. Without a moment's hesitation he hurled himself out of the window. As luck would have it, he fell through a large laurel-bush on to a garden-plot which was soft with rain, and so escaped with a shaking and a bruising. If I have to say anything that gives a bad impression of the man, put that upon the other side.

He was fond of rough horse-play, but it was wiser to avoid it with him, for one could never tell what it might lead to. His temper was nothing less than infernal. I have seen him in the dissecting-rooms begin to skylark with a fellow, and then in an instant the fun would go out of his face, his little eyes would gleam with fury, and the two would be rolling, worrying each other like dogs below the table. He would be dragged off, panting and speechless with fury, with his wiry hair bristling straight up, like a fighting terrier's.

This pugnacious side of his character would be worthily used sometimes. I remember that an address which was being given to us by an eminent London specialist was much interrupted by a fellow in the front row who kept on injecting remarks. I suppose that he was drunk, though he seemed to know what he was about. The lecturer appealed to his audience at last. "These interruptions are insufferable, gentlemen," said he; "will no one free me from this annoyance?" "Hold your tongue—you, sir, on the front bench!" cried Cullingworth, in his bull's bellow. "Perhaps you'll make me," said the fellow, turning a contemptuous face over his shoulder. Cullingworth closed his note-book and began to walk down on the tops of the desks, to the delight of the three hundred spectators. It was fine to see the deliberate way in which he picked his way among the ink-bottles. As he sprang down from the last bench on to the floor his opponent struck him a smashing blow full in the face. Cullingworth got his bull-dog grip on him, however, and rushed him backward out of the class-room. What he did with him I don't know, but there was a noise like the delivery of a ton of coals, and the champion of law and order returned with the sedate air of a man who had done his work. His eyes were like two damsons on each side of a piece of beet-root, but we gave him three cheers as he made his way back to his seat. Then we went on with the dangers of Placenta Prævia.

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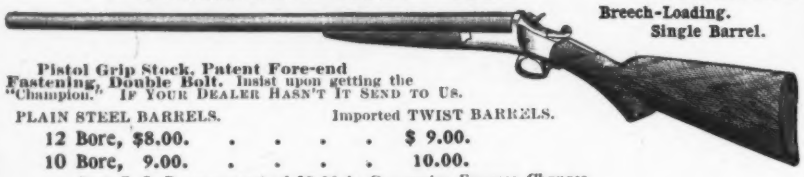

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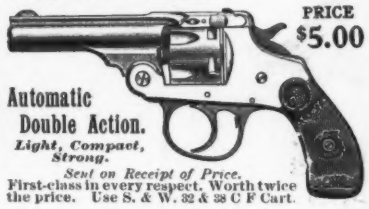

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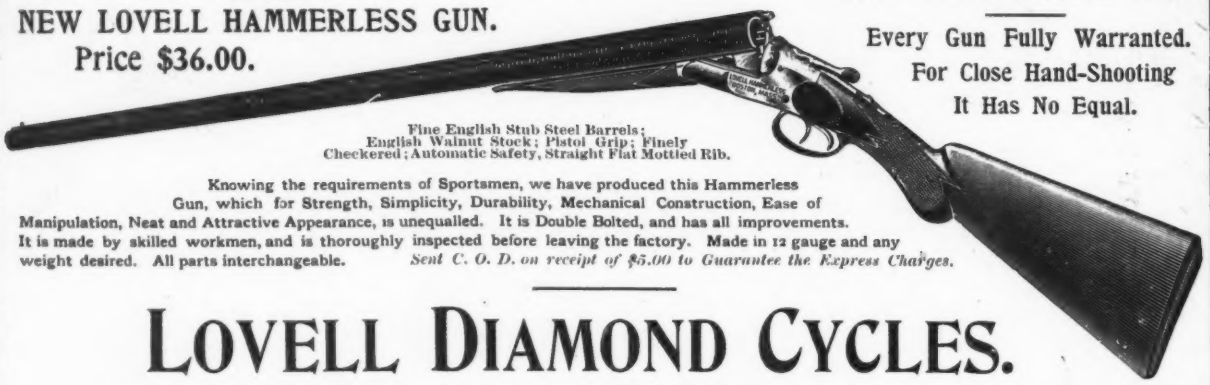

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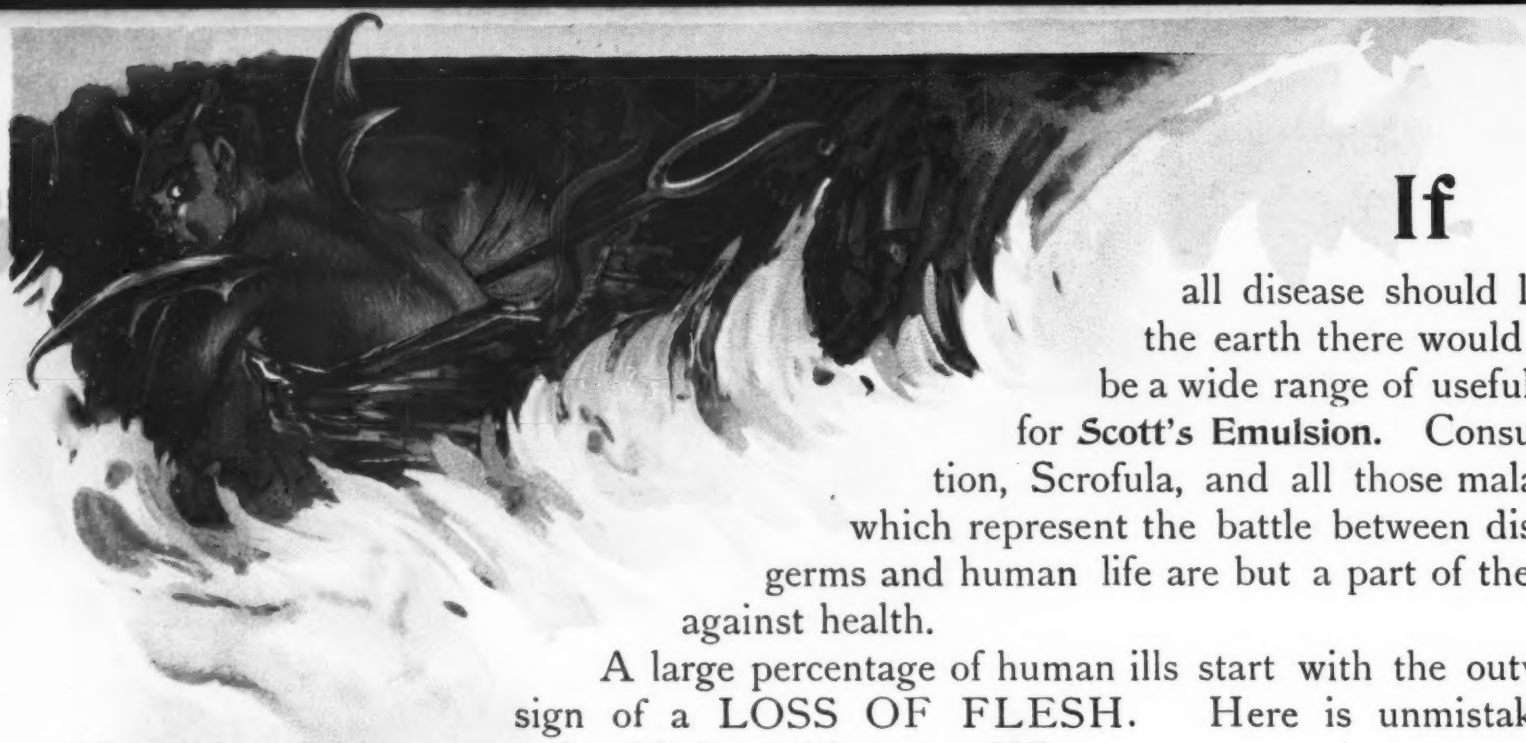

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